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Target for Production of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of coal mines closed in the country during the last three years and what are the reasons therefor along with the scheme prepared by Coal India Limited (CIL) to redevelop the said coal mine areas;

(b) The target fixed by CIL for coal production during the current year;

(c) whether the coal production is adequate to meet the requirement of power sector and ifso, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor.

(d) whether large quantity of coal piles up at pithead or railway siding due to unavailability of railway wagons for transportation of coal and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL,
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(a) The State-wise number of closed/abandoned/discontinued coal mines of Coal India Limited(CIL) and others in the country as on 1.04.2015 during the last three years is as under:
State Number (Provisional) of CIL
West-Bengal 2
Jharkhand 7
MP 5
Chhattisgarh 1
Odisha 1

Mines are closed due to exhaustion of reserves, techno-economic ground, safety reasons, adverse geo-mining conditions etc. Some mines were closed due to exhaustion of extractable reserves of coal, which cannot be extracted economically, so the proposal regarding revival is not relevant. However, the mines closed due to other reasons like techno-economic ground, adverse geo-mining conditions, safety reasons etc. are revived if conditions like suitable technology with economic viability, permissible environmental limits regarding safe and favorable mine condition in case of fire and inundation are available.
(b) Target fixed by CIL for coal production during 2016-17 is 598.60 million tonnes.
(c) Coal availability of CIL is in tune with the quantity committed for Thermal Power Plants having Fuel Supply Agreement. Supply of coal to Power Utilities from CIL sources has grown from 353.83 MT in 2013-14 to 385.40 MT in 2014-15 and further to 409.14 MT (Provisional) in 2015-16. For the year 2016-17, the target of Off-take of CIL is 598.61 Mt. Out of this, 450 Mt will be supplied to Power Sector Utilities.

(d) During 2015-16, coal Stock of CIL has increased by 4.205 MT from 53.469 MT as on 01.04.2015 to 57.674 MT as on 01.04.2016 mainly on account of regulated lifting by power utility sector in view of their comfortable coal stock position of 38.87 MT as on 31.03.2016, which is equivalent to 27 days' requirement.

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